

State Safety Council Meeting October 10, 2002

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Sledge, Jim Edwards, Dale Brown, Andy Taylor, Richard Tice, Ken Frazier, Bob Ponder, Doug Vandevander, Steve Williams

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Danny Bryant, Greg Bourque, Robert Gill, Greg Chatham

Guests: Bill Kitchings filling in for Robert Gill, Ed Brown filling in for Greg Chatham

The State Safety Council meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. on October 10, 2002 at Roosevelt State Park.

Minutes of the April 2002 meeting were handed out and read by Richard Tice. Andy Taylor made a motion to approve the minutes, and Ed Brown seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Old Business: **Grease Racks** – Andy Taylor will distribute plans for these as soon as he gets them from the North East District.

Truck Ramps – Andy Taylor will send out information from the North East District on the double selector valve that will let pressure off the ramp.

Strobe Lights – Attached is a memo dated January 18, 2001 stating that each district may purchase these lights as the budget allows.

Nomex – Each district may replace Nomex as needed. New Nomex may be purchased as the budget allows or each district may purchase Nomex as needed for replacements or for new employees (Andy Taylor will send out information on sources).

GPS Chips – Ed Brown and Richard Tice talked about the GPS chip and also discussed the cost of the chip.

ATV Tie Downs – Ed Brown wants to show the Hasty Hitch ATV tie down from B & M Products. Their phone number is 1-888-594-9910. The cost of the tie down is \$ 45 - \$ 50.

Lightning Protection – The protection on the tower seems to be working. We have not lost a radio, but the phones don't work when there is a power outage.

Gloves – There are no agency contracts, so these can be purchased as needed from any source.

New Business: **Andy Taylor** – Let him know of any changes that need to be made to the Safety Manual. He is getting ready to have it printed. Tort claims will no longer be handled by Sedgwick CMS. They will now be handled by Management Services USA, Inc. (MSI). The new forms are not in yet, but they will be sent out when they come in. The accident investigation forms are the best of any state agency. Everyone needs to make sure that they have disposable cups to drink out of if they are sharing one container.

Everyone needs to check the pins on the tilt bed pins periodically.

Jim Sledge – **He strongly encourages everyone to call central dispatch and let them know where you are at all times.** He recommends that the central dispatch stay as long as they have someone out.

Narcotics Training – Each district is encouraged to set up some type of training. Some agencies that might offer help in this area are: ATF, Fire Marshall, Sheriff, MBN, County Fire Coordinator, and the Fire Academy.

Fire Fighter Training Guidelines – The training schedule is on the intranet. There will be two weeks of training at the Fire Academy in May. There can also be some simple OJT such as loading and unloading; staying back away from the tractor on a fire or while doing firelanes. Someone who needs training may go with a full crew to train. Mr. Sledge encourages work on using cables and inspecting cables once each month. Training may also be done on hooking up cables.

Block & Tackle – Check cables and block for ratings. Check winch cables once each month. We need to have training on how to hook up cables; both winch and block & tackle.

Triangle Reflectors – It might be a good idea to place triangle reflectors on side of road when unloading tractors.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned until January 9, 2003 at Roosevelt State Park at 10:30 a.m.

